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Applicants:

Debregeas et al.

Title:

GRANULES CONTAINING A PLANT SUBSTANCE AND

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Huynh, Carlic K.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment and Response to Election of Species Requirement in the above-identified patent application.

- [X] Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a previous assertion of Small Entity status.
- [X] Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115 and Response to Election of Species Requirement (4 pages).
- [X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims As			Extra					
			Previously		Claims				Additional
	Amended		Paid For		Present		Rate		Claims Fee
Total Claims:	12	-	20	=	0	х	\$50.00	=	\$0.00
Independent Claims:	2	-	3	=	0	x	\$200.00	=	\$0.00
First p	oresentation of	of an	y Multiple I	Deper	ndent Claims:	+	\$360.00	=	\$0.00
	·				CLAIMS	FEI	E TOTAL	=	\$0.00

The Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[] Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00	\$0.00
[] Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$450.00	\$0.00
[] Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,020.00	\$0.00
[] Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,590.00	\$0.00
[] Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,160.00	\$0.00
	EXTENSION	FEE TOTAL:	\$0.00
[] Statutory Disclaimer Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d):	\$130.00	\$0.00
	CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIMER	FEE TOTAL:	\$0.00
[]	[X] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of abo		\$0.00
	Extension Fees Previously Paid:		
TOTAL FEE:			

If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, the Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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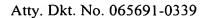
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115 AND RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated November 3, 2006 and is timely filed. Prior to examination of the claims on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims presented on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this document.

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